



January 14, 2015

Item No. 7

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXERCISE THE OPTION YEAR OF
CONTRACT NO. 11293 WITH THE LAW BULLETIN PUBLISHING COMPANY**

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners:

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Commissioners ("Board") authorize the Chief Executive Officer or his designee to exercise the 1-year option period of Contract No. 11293 ("Contract") with the Law Bulletin Publishing Company ("Law Bulletin") for an amount not-to-exceed \$47,016 to allow the Office of the General Counsel continued necessary access to the Law Bulletin's on-line public court records including court dockets, case histories and scheduling information.

The Chief Legal Officer, the Office of the General Counsel ("OGC") and the Office of Procurement have completed all necessary due diligence to support the submission of this initiative and recommend the approval of this item accordingly.

CORPORATE GOAL

Streamline Legal Operations to make CHA more effective in protecting CHA's interest, avoiding claims and providing counsel.

FUNDING: General Fund

Vendor: Law Bulletin Publishing Company
415 N. State St.
Chicago, IL 60654

Contract Type: On-Line Subscription Services

Base 2-Year Contract Year NTE Amount: \$ 88,332

1st Option Year NTE Amount: \$ 47,016

Aggregate 3-year NTE Amount: \$135,348

Base Contract Term: January 1, 2013 - December 31, 2014

1st Option Year Term: January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015

M/W/DBE Participation:

MBE-_% WBE-_% DBE-_% Waiver: __

Section 3: Not Applicable/On-line Subscription Service

_____(#) Hiring: _____(\$) Subcontracting _____ (\$) Other Economic Opportunities

GENERAL BACKGROUND

The OGC requires on-line services to access case history, court dockets and scheduling information as it relates to legal matters to support its in-house litigation staff. The CHA has contracted with the Law Bulletin on a non-competitive basis since 1989 to provide the Office of the General Counsel access to the public court dockets, case histories and scheduling information.

The Law Bulletin is the sole source authorized by the court systems to provide private entities with online access to public court records. On January 1, 2013, after negotiations with the Law Bulletin, CHA awarded a new contract to them for the base term of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2014 for an amount not-to-exceed \$88,332, with a priced option for an additional year for an amount not-to-exceed \$47,016. Since the current contract will expire unless CHA exercises the option term, and the OGC still requires access to the Law Bulletin's on-line public court records including court dockets, case histories and scheduling information to conduct litigation on behalf of the CHA, it is in CHA's best interest of the CHA to exercise the Contract's option year.

The Board action recommended in this item, complies in all material respects with all applicable Chicago Housing Authority board policies and all applicable federal (HUD) procurement laws.

The Chief Legal Officer concurs with the recommendation to exercise the 1-year option with the Law Bulletin in the amount of \$47,016 for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

The Chief Executive Officer recommends the Board approve the exercise the 1-year option with the Law Bulletin in the amount of \$47,016 for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-CHA-7

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has reviewed the Board Letter dated January 14, 2015, entitled "AUTHORIZAATION TO EXERCISE THE OPTION YEAR OF CONTRACT NO. 11293 WITH THE LAW BULLETIN PUBLISHING COMPANY;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY

That the Board of Commissioners ("Board") authorizes the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") or his designee to exercise the 1-year option period of Contract No. 11293 ("Contract") with the Law Bulletin Publishing Company to allow the Office of the General Counsel continued necessary access to the Law Bulletin's on-line public court records including court dockets, case histories and scheduling information for an amount not-to-exceed \$47,016.



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